

# WØMTL—**Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News**—WØKEM



## 2023 HARC OFFICERS

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## NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 2024

**JANUARY 10, 2024**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!**

**We are now meeting at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Offices at 142 Jaycee Drive. To get to the facility, go South on McMasters Ave (RT61) to the intersection of Clinic Rd (immediate right past Wendy's). Turn Right onto Clinic Rd and the first right is Communication Drive. Turn onto Communication Drive and continue straight on Communication which then turns into Jaycee Dr. The Admin center is on the right at the top of the hill.**

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## MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – 2024

**Don - KDØHHN**

Information about our Monday night nets can be found on the club website, [www.w0kem.com](http://www.w0kem.com) and click on FM Repeaters.

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## **SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2024**

### **DATES FOR 2024**

**January 10, 2024**

**April 10, 2024**

**July 10, 2024**

**October 9, 2024**

Registration is requested at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Dave Scranton, W9WE, 210-325-7923, or [w9we.lee@gmail.com](mailto:w9we.lee@gmail.com). If enough VE's are present at the meeting night, any walk ins will be able to test that evening.

The 2024 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting.

**WALK INS ARE WELCOME.**

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### **HARC CLUB DUES:**

**HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!**



**Hannibal Amateur Radio Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Meeting December 13, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club was called to order by club president KD0HHN at 7:00PM local time. The following members were present: KE0KCQ, N9MAF, KB0RZN, KD0MTJ, W6JFL, K0CA, KF0NXJ, KD0HHN, K9AJC, and W9WE.

**Proposals For Membership**  
There were no proposals made.

**Changes/Corrections To Last Meeting Minutes**  
There were no changes or corrections to the October minutes. W6JFL made a motion to accept the minutes as published and W9WE seconded it. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**  
Club treasurer KE0KCQ made the following report:  
Beginning checking balance was \$2789.02  
Expenses (equipment): \$235.76  
Deposits (50/50): \$26.00  
Ending Checking balance: \$2579.26  
CD balance: \$1354.79  
Petty cash: \$40.00  
Total club assets \$3974.05  
A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by W6JFL and seconded by K9AJC. The motion was approved by voice vote.

### **Repeaters**

N9MAF reported that both machines are working as they should. He also gave an update on the status of the station at Base 1. He and KE0OAA hooked the rotor control box to the rotor but the rotor failed to operate. After some investigation it was observed that the control cable was completely disconnected from the rotor on the tower. N9MAF said he plans on climbing the tower to make repairs.

### **Old Business**

W6JFL reported on the progress of the hamfest planning. There is a problem with nobody signing up for needed positions for the event. Things like parking control, ticket sales, table setup and take down, clean up after the event, and refreshment sales. It's hard to have a successful event not knowing if people will show up to fill the positions needed to get everything done. He is working on a list of vendors and an invite letter that will be sent out to members to review. If they can think of additional companies to contact or have suggestions about the letter let W6JFL know. Work continues on the flier. We are at the 5 month window to the day of the hamfest. The VE testing at the event was discussed as well as getting the test session listed in QST. There was discussion on getting the flier posted on the club's web page as well on the Facebook page.

### **New Business**

KD0HHN reminded that it is time to renew your membership by paying your dues.

W6JFL announced that the Ralls County emergency center in addition to the 2 meter radio now has an HF station installed. A big thank you to the Ralls County Electric Co-op for providing the boom truck and personnel to install the antenna on the 40 foot pole at the Ralls County Health Department building. He and KF0NXJ as well as N9MAF got the radio installed and operating.

KD0HHN reported on the tabletop exercise that was conducted by Hannibal Emergency Management for an emergency response to a windstorm. Multiple agencies were involved as well as discussion about ARES utilization. He also said that a letter of understanding for assistance with multiple agencies is in the works between them and the club.

N9MAF announced the upcoming Winterheat 2024 event starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 0:01 UTC and running through January 31<sup>th</sup> 23:59 UTC. It is done all on VHF and UHF simplex frequencies. It is free to sign up at <http://hamactive.com/>. It is a good way to learn how the bands change throughout the day and how well your station performs, and it is fun to do.

K9AJC wanted to know if the Club had a membership committee to contact members, both current and past, and ask why they aren't coming to the meetings. After a discussion it was decided that a list of members current and past will be created so they can be contacted in hopes of them returning to the meetings.

KD0HHN brought up the election of officers for the club. K9AJC motioned that due to the fact that there wasn't a quorum at last month's meeting that we postpone the election of officers until January. KD9HHN said he wouldn't be running for president this year. Also KB0RZN said he was stepping down as vice president. K0CA said he would like to have a co-chair for the trustee position. After discussions, there was a motion made by W6JFL to allow 2 people to act as Club trustee and postpone the election until January which was seconded by N9MAF. The motion was approved by voice vote. Also W6JFL nominated N9MAF for vice president seconded by KD0HHN. KB0RZN nominated KE0KCQ to retain the treasurer's position seconded by N9MAF. Both motions were approved by voice vote.

### **50/50**

The drawing was won by K9AJC and he split his winnings with the Club.  
Thank you Allan.

### **Breakfast Gathering**

It was decided that the gathering would be at Logue's 8:30 AM Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

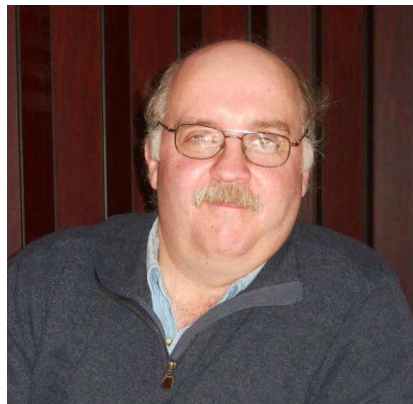
### **Closing**

With no other business a motion to close the meeting was made by W6JFL and seconded by W9WE. The motion was approved by voice vote and KD0HHN closed the meeting at 8:07 PM local time.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**  
**BY DON VARY KDØHHN**



Hello everyone. Hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits. Well, another year has gone by and a new one is beginning. Part of the new beginning is that this will be my last column as President of the club. I have decided not to run for reelection after several years as President. I have greatly enjoyed my time in office, and have done some good things for the club, but it is time for someone else to take the reins.

Planning is still underway and taking shape for the hamfest in Palmyra in May. I am asking all members of the club to step up to help make this a successful venture for us and the Quincy club. Also, if you have any ideas for classes or things for the meetings to bring in more members, let us know. It's YOUR club and it's only as successful as the members.

Finally, dues are due. Please get them to Ken, KFØKCQ by the March meeting. Your dues are what help keep us going, including the club repeaters. Well, that's all for now. Everyone stay well and stay safe, and we'll see you down the log/

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The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the  
ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

KUWAIT, 9K. Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society are QRV as  
9K9BHR until December 18 in celebration of neighboring Bahrain's  
Commemoration Day. QSL via operators' instructions.

BAHRAIN, A9. Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society are QRV  
as A91CD until December 18 in celebration of Bahrain's Commemoration  
Day. QSL via EC6DX.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Markus, OE3MCS is QRV as D44MCS from Sal Island,  
IOTA AF-086, until December 22. Activity is holiday style on 40 to  
10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL to home call.

FINLAND, OH. Special event station OF9X is QRV until December 31.  
Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via OH2BH.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Members of the Rebel DX Group are QRV as T32TT  
from Christmas Island, IOTA OC-024, until December 21. Activity is  
on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via OQRS.

GUATEMALA, TG. Steve, K4IM is QRV as TG9AWS. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using mainly FT8 but plans to soon be active using CW and SSB as well. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via N2OO.

MICRONESIA, V6. A group of operators are QRV as V6EU from Chuuk Island, IOTA OC 011, until December 16. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via DL2AWG.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, VP5. Special event station VP8FLY will be QRV from December 19 to 31 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Aviation Service. QSL direct to VP8LP.

INDIA, VU. Operators Sharmi, VU3OAA and Rhea, VU3OAC will be QRV as AT2BOTA on December 16 and 17 from Junpat Sea Beach, BOTA 62417, and then from Haripur Sea Beach, BOTA 62418. QSL direct.

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS, VU4. Krish, W4VKU will be QRV as VU4N from Andaman Island, IOTA AS-001, from December 16 to 26. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Harald, DF2WO is QRV as XT2AW from Ouagadougou until December 19. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

VIET NAM, XV. Roman, RN5M is QRV as XV9MA from Mui ne. Activity is in his spare time on 160 to 6 meters. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via LY5M.

LAOS, XW. Vincent, F4BKV is QRV as XW4KV until mid-2024. Activity is mostly on 15 and 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

ROMANIA, YO. Special event station YR8XMAS is QRV until January 10, 2024. QSL via operators' instructions.

REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO, Z6. Gab, HB9TSW is QRV as Z68BG from the Slatina Air Base until December 19. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using only CW. QSL to home call.

ST. HELENA, ZD7. Chris, HB9FIY and his wife Agata will be QRV as ZD7CA and ZD7AA, respectively, from December 16 to January 14, 2024. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and various digital modes. QSL via EA5GL.

CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. Bruce, K3NQ is QRV as ZF2NQ from Grand Cayman until December 20. Activity is holiday style on 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL CW Rookie Roundup, NCCC FT4 Sprint, NCCC RTTY Sprint, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC CW Sprint, AGB-Party Contest, Russian 160-Meter Contest, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Feld Hell Sprint, OK DX RTTY Contest and the Croatian DX



Contest are all scheduled for this weekend.

The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, NAQCC CW Sprint, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW and Mini-Test 80 CW are on tap for December 18 to 20.

Please see December QST, page 65, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

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